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RUGELEY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL



ANNUAL REPORT

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

together with the report

of the

CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

YEAR 1964

PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS OF THE AUTHORITY.

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TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE

RUGELEY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Madam and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present the Annual Report on the health of the people of the District, and the work of the Health Department, for the year 1964.

The estimated population of the Urban District increased from 14,320 in the preceding year to 15,140 in the year under review.

Rugeley's increase in population has become a matter for annual comment. It surges ever upward.
Not only is there a high birth rate (50% above the National average) but there is also an annual influx of people from outside the district, which consistently adds more to the population than the total of births.

The live birth rate was 27.21 as compared with the figure of 19.91 for the same rate in 1954, but the change is even greater than these figures suggest, for the actual number of births to Rugeley mothers in 1964 was just double that in 1954.
It is important to bear in mind that these cohorts will soon be pressing hard on educational facilities, and on many of the social services.

While the live birth rate was 50% above the National average, the still birth rate, by contrast, fell to about two thirds the National figure, (Rugeley 11.99. England & Wales 16.3)
Such an exceedingly low rate is probably too good to last, but is none the less welcome while it is here.
This was the second year in succession that this important index has fallen, the successive figures over three years being 25.86, 21.53 and 11.99.

The infant mortality rate was close to the National average and this is remarkably good for a predominantly industrial community.
There were nine infant deaths, the same number as for the preceding year, which, related to a greater population, gave a lower infant mortality rate.
No less than eight of these deaths took place in the neonatal period.
The causes were mostly those conditions which form the hard resistant core of mortality at this stage of life - prematurity, congential abnormality and respiratory failure.

The illegitimate infant death rate was much higher at 71.42 than the legitimate infant death rate of 20.4.
It is apparent that illegitimacy adversely affects the babies chances of survival.

There were no maternal deaths.

The number of deaths was 106 (less than in the preceding year) and in consequence the death rate fell to the very low level of 7.00 per thousand.
This is the lowest death rate on record for Rugeley.
It is of course, very much below the National average rate of 11.3.

Such a low death rate is to be attributed not so much to Rugeley's salubrious climate or proximity to Cannock Chase, as to the general youthfulness of the population..

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Causes of death were within the normal range.
As one would expect more than half the deaths were due to the degenerative changes of advanced age. Most of these took the form of degenerations of the cardio vascular system, and this group accounted for 51% of the total. The average age at death was 78.

The proportion of death due to cancer (14.15%) is just what one would expect from National Statistics.
Rugeley is no better and no worse than other places in this respect.
The results of treatment of the commonest cancers continue, as before, at a low level of success, and substantial prevention, though theoretically possible, remains unachieved.
It is a position of no change in either field, and a steady mortality rate is therefore to be expected.

The remaining main causes of death are few, and relatively unimportant numerically.
Five percent of deaths were due to pneumonia, and bronchities accounted for a further 4.3%.
These chest cases had an average age of 75,
and while no doubt chronic respiratory disability had, after a good deal of invalidism, led to the final episode, the ages of the patients were such that this might easily have happened to fall into another senile degenerative group.

The year was relatively free from infection disease.
No case of Poliomyelitis occurred, and there was no diphtheria, or scarlet fever.
Thus the infectious diseases traditionally regarded as"serious" and common were absent.

There were 76 cases of measles, to be compared with 229 in the preceding year. Whooping cough was confined to the first half of the year and produced a total of 27 cases.

Intestinal infections included two cases of dysentery in sisters aged 17 years and 1 year. These occurred in January, and Shigella Sonnei was isolated in both cases.

Two new cases of pulmonary tuberculosis were notified during the year and three existing cases transferred into the district from outside.
Eight patients were cured, and their names removed from the Tuberculosis Register. The net result was a reduction of three in the number on the Tuberculosis Register, which now stands at 50, the lowest figure so far.

302 Council houses were built in 1964, and 169 dwellings were erected privately.

Analyses of the water supply from various points within the Urban District have shown that the supply is up to the high standards expected, both chemically and bacteriologically.

Throughout the year we have had the advantage of friendly and helpful co-operation from colleagues on the staff, and the encouragement of the lively interest of Members of the Health Committee.

I am,

Your obedient servant,

R. WEBSTER.

Medical Officer of Health.

SECTION A

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS

Area of District .. .. 2,882 acres

Registrar General's estimate of resident population 15,140

Rateable Value .. .. £465,135.

Sum represented by a penny rate .. .. £1,933. 9s. 9d.

Number of houses inhabited at the end of 1964 4,758

LIVE BIRTHS

	Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	221	177	398
Illegitimate	9	5	14
Total	230	182	412

Live Birth Rate per 1,000 population 27.21

Illegitimate Live Birth Rate per cent of total live births.. 3.39

Live Birth Rate per 1,000 for England & Wales 18.4

LIVE BIRTHS

	1955	1956	1957	1958	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964
Legitimate	246	274	262	265	249	258	314	342	383	398
Illegitimate	15	9	14	4	10	7	13	6	26	14
Birth Rate per thousand estimated resident population	23.47	25.11	24.19	22.97	21.84	21.27	25.15	25.42	28.56	27.21

STILL BIRTHS

	Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	2	3	5
Illegitimate	-	-	-
Total	2	3	5

Still Birth Rate 1,000 live and still births .. 11.99

Still Birth Rate per 1,000 live and still births (ENGLAND & WALES) .. 16.3

STILL BIRTHS

	1955	1956	1957	1958	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964
Legitimate	9	9	10	7	8	5	7	9	9	5
Illegitimate	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Still Birth Rate per 1,000 live & still births	33.3	31.8	34.96	25.36	29.96	18.87	21.40	25.86	21.53	11.99

DEATHS

Nett deaths allocated to the District after allowing for inward and outward transfers:-

Male	Female	Total
59	47	106

Crude Death Rate per 1,000 estimated population 7.00

Death Rate or ENGLAND & WALES 11.3

MATERNAL MORTALITY

		Rate per 1000 live and still births	
	Deaths	Rugeley	England and Wales
Maternal causes (Excluding abortion)	-	0.00	0.28
Others due to abortion	-	0.00	0.00
	-	0.00	0.28

INFANT MORTALITY

	Actual Deaths	Rugeley Rate	England & Wales Rate
Deaths under one year of age:-			
All infant per 1,000 live births	9	21.11	20.0
Legitimate infants per 1,000 Legitimate births	8	20.10	
Illegitimate infants per 1,000 Illegitimate live births	1	71.42	
Neo-Natal Mortality Rate (deaths under 4 weeks per 1,000 total live births)	8	19.41	13.8
Early neo-natal Mortality Rate (deaths under 1 week per 1,000 total live births)	5	12.11	
Perinatal Mortality Rate (still births and deaths under 1 week combined per 1,000 total live and still births)	10	23.97	

Cause of Death	Under 1 week	1 - 2 weeks	3rd week	4th week	Total 1 - 4 weeks Neo-natal Mortality	4 weeks - 3 months	3 months - 6 months	6 months - 9 months	9 months -12 months	Total deaths under 1 year of age
Prematurity	2	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	2
Hydrocephalis	1	1	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	2
Atelectasis	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
Misadventure	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
Meningomyclocele	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
Disease of Pancreas	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
Pneumonia	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
TOTAL	4	4	-	-	8	1	-	-	-	9

The estimated population, birth rate, infant mortality rate (I.M.R.) and Maternal Mortality Rate (M.M.R.) for the past ten years as follows:-

	1955	1956	1957	1958	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964
Population	11,120	11,270	11,410	11,710	11,860	12,130	13,000	13,650	14,320	15,140
Birth Rate	23.47	25.11	24.19	22.97	21.84	21.27	25.15	25.42	28.56	27.21
I.M. Rate	30.65	49.43	43.47	40.09	23.17	27.13	27.52	25.97	21.76	21.11
M.M. Rate	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Death Rate	8.54	9.49	9.55	9.48	8.77	7.74	8.69	13.69	8.03	7.00

CHIEF CAUSES OF DEATH IN ORDER OF IMPORTANCE

	Male	Female	Total	% of Total Deaths in 1963	% of Total Deaths in 1964
Heart Disease	23	11	34	33.04	32.07
Vascular Lesions of Nervous System	6	11	17	18.26	16.03
Cancer	10	5	15	11.30	14.15
Accidents	4	3	7	3.47	6.60
Pneumonia	2	3	5	5.21	4.71
Bronchitis	3	2	5	4.34	4.71

CAUSES OF DEATH DURING 1964

	Male	Female
1. Tuberculosis, respiratory	-	-
2. Tuberculosis, other	-	-
3. Syphilitic disease	-	-
4. Diphtheria	-	-
5. Whooping Cough	-	-
6. Meningoccocal infections	-	-
7. Acute Poliomyelitis	-	-
8. Measles	-	-
9. Other infective and parasitic diseases	-	-
10. Malignant neoplasm, stomach	2	-
11. Malignant neoplasm, lung and bronchus	3	-
12. Malignant neoplasm, breast	-	-
13. Malignant neoplasm, uterus	-	2
14. Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	5	3
15. Leukaemia, Aleukaemia	1	-
16. Diabetes	-	1
17. Vascular lesions of nervous system	6	11
18. Coronary Disease, angina	14	6
19. Hypertension with heart disease	1	1
20. Other heart diseases	8	4
21. Other circulatory diseases	1	2
22. Influenza	-	-
23. Pneumonia	2	3
24. Bronchitis	3	2
25. Other diseases of respiratory system	-	1
26. Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	-	-
27. Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	-	1
28. Nephritis and nephrosis	-	-
29. Hyperplasia of prostate	2	-
30. Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	-	-
31. Congenital malformations	3	1
32. Other defined and ill-defined diseases	3	6
33. Motor vehicle accidents	1	2
34. All other accidents	3	1
35. Suicide	1	-
36. Homicide and operations of war	-	-
	59	47

NATURAL INCREASE - EXCESS OF BIRTHS OVER DEATHS

	1955	1956	1957	1958	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964
Births	261	283	276	269	259	258	314	342	409	412
Deaths	95	107	109	111	104	94	113	131	115	106
Natural Increase	166	176	167	158	155	164	201	211	294	306
Estimated Pop.	11,120	11,270	11,410	11,710	11,860	12,130	13,000	13,650	14,320	15,140

SECTION B

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

	1958	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964
Scarlet Fever	3	5	5	-	1	5	-
Measles	136	11	-	202	-	229	76
Whooping Cough	2	10	4	15	3	29	27
Diphtheria	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Acute Poliomyelitis							
Paralytic	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Non-Paralytic	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Pneumonia	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Acute Polio Encephalitis	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Erysipelas	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Meningococcal Infection	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dysentery	58	-	5	-	34	17	3
Enteric Fevers	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Food Poisoning	1	-	-	-	4	-	1
Puerperal Pyrexia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Opthalmia Neonatorum	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gastro Enteritis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Paratyphoid Fever	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cerebro Spinal Fever	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

ANALYSIS OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE BY AGE GROUPS

	Dysentery	Whooping Cough	Food Poisoning	Measles
Under 1 year	-	3	-	6
1 "	1	1	-	5
2 "	-	4	-	9
3 "	-	5	-	13
4 "	-	3	-	8
5 - 9 "	-	7	-	22
10 - 14 "	-	2	-	3
15 - 24 "	1	-	-	1
25 & over	-	-	1	-
Age unknown	1	2	-	9

TUBERCULOSIS

	1954	1955	1956	1957	1958	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964
NEW CASES											
Pulmonary	8	11	8	5	6	6	-	-	5	2	5
Non-Pulmonary	2	3	2	1	1	-	-	1	-	1	-
TOTAL	10	14	10	6	7	6	-	1	5	3	5

TUBERCULOSIS REGISTER. The number of Tuberculosis cases on the Register on 31st. December, 1964 was 50

The Distribution was as follows:-

	Peartree Ward	Hagley Ward	Ravenhill Ward	Brereton Ward	Wolseley Road Ward
Pulmonary	13	3	3	11	14
Non-Pulmonary	1	1	0	2	2
Total	14	4	3	13	16

Additions to Register	PULMONARY
No. of New Notifications	2
No. of Transfers IN	3
No. Restored to Register	0
TOTAL	5

Deletions from Register	PULMONARY
No. Died	0
No. Recovered	8
No. of Transfers OUT	0
TOTAL	8

Additions to Register	NON PULMONARY
No. of New Notifications	0
No. of Transfers IN	0
No. Restored to Register	0
TOTAL	0

Deletions from Register	NON PULMONARY
No. Died	0
No. Recovered	0
No. of Transfers OUT	0
TOTAL	0

CANCERS

There were 15 deaths from cancer, 2 more than in the previous year. The following table shows the trend over the last 10 years.

	1955	1956	1957	1958	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964
Deaths	16	17	24	13	16	17	26	19	13	15
Population	11,120	11,270	11,410	11,710	11,860	12,130	13,000	13,650	14,320	15,140
Rate per 1000 of the population.	1.43	1.50	2.10	1.11	1.33	1.40	2.00	1.39	0.90	0.99

REPORT OF THE CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour of presenting my 34th Annual Report, dealing with the work carried out in my department during 1964.

DRAINAGE OF THE DISTRICT

Premises not within 100 feet of the sewer.

There is no sewer available in Fortescue Lane (part), Wolseley Road (part,) Etching Hill, and Slitting Mill, where the closet accommodation is as follows:-

HEDNESFORD ROAD

3 premises

FORTESCUE LANE

19 premises with W.C.'s to Septic Tanks.
8 premises with pail closets.

WOLSELEY ROAD AREA

44 premises with W.C.'s to Septic Tanks.
77 premises to private sewage disposal installations.

ETCHING HILL AREA

165 premises with W.C.'s to Septic Tanks.
1 premises with pail closet.
2 premises with privy middens.

SLITTING MILL AREA

11 premises to a private sewage disposal installation.
30 premises with W.C.'s to Septic Tanks.
16 premises with pail closets.
8 premises with privy middens.

BRERETON AREA

2 premises with pail closets.

SWIMMING BATHS

There are no private swimming baths or pools in the area. The Council have two paddling pools.

PUBLIC CLEANSING

(a) DRY HOUSE REFUSE - The whole of the refuse of the district is removed by the Council's workmen in two covered vehicles, normally once every week. The Council carry out Controlled Tipping at the Tip.

(b) CONTENTS OF PAIL CLOSETS, CESSPOOLS ETC - This is conveyed from the premises in a cesspool emptier. The pail closets are emptied once every week. Cesspools were emptied 166 times by the Council's workmen during the year.

HOUSING ACTS 1936 & 1957

UNFIT HOUSES

UNFIT HOUSES REPRESENTED DURING THE YEAR

The following 63 houses were represented to the Council during the year as being in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation:-

40	Queen Street,	Clearance Order
42	" "	" "
44	" "	" "
46	" "	" "
48	" "	" "
50	" "	" "
26	Elmore Lane,	" "
28	" "	" "
30	" "	" "
32	" "	" "
34	" "	" "
1	Emery's Buildings, Armitage Lane,	Demolition Order
2	" " "	" "
3	" " "	" "
4	" " "	" "
5	" " "	" "
6	" " "	" "
7	" " "	" "
8	" " "	" "
9	" " "	" "
10	" " "	" "
11	" " "	" "
12	" " "	" "
13	" " "	" "
189	Main Road, Brereton,	Demolition Order
191	" " "	" "
193	" " "	" "
195	" " "	" "
25 to 83 inclusive, Talbot Road, Brereton,		Demolition Orders. (30 houses)
9A	Market Street,	Demolition Order
11	" "	" "
13	" "	" "
15	" "	" "
17	" "	" "

HOUSES DEMOLISHED DURING THE YEAR

The following 18 houses were demolished within the district during the year.

42 Bow Street.
4 Armitage Road.
6 " "
8 " "
Belle View Cottage, Brereton.
Horns Cottage, Slitting Mill.
1 Green Lane.
74 Church Street.
3 Redbrook Lane, Brereton.
5 " " "
7 " " "
9 " " "
105 Main Road, Brereton.
Brereton Vicarage.
23 Hednesford Road.
30 Brereton Road.
Mrs. Wood, The Levels.
Empty house next to Mrs. Wood, The Levels.

In connection with the Council's Slum Clearance Scheme the tenants of the following 37 houses were rehoused during the year:-

22 Albion Street
5 Bees Lane
7 " "
9 " "
11 " "
13 " "
26 King Street
28 " "
86 Queen Street
88 " "
90 " "
92 " "
96 " "
98 " "
100 " "
104 Main Road, Brereton
106 " " "
40 Queen Street
42 " "
44 " "
46 " "
48 " "
50 " "
26 Elmore Lane
28 " "
30 " "
189 Main Road, Brereton
193 " " "
2 Emery's Buildings, Armitage Lane
3 " " " "
5 " " " "
6 " " " "
35 Talbot Road, Brereton
37 " " "
55 " " "
71 " " "
83 " " "

UNFIT HOUSES STILL IN OCCUPATION AT 31st. DECEMBER, 1964

The following 50 houses (in respect of which the Council have put on Demolition Orders or Closing Orders, or accepted Undertakings not to relet) are still in occupation:-

2 Mill Lane, 15th February, 1961, Demolition Order.
Threadgold, Love Lane, 22nd. February, 1953, Undertaking.
38 Bow Street, 13th December, 1956, Closing Order.
Scragg, Coalpit Lane, 18th April, 1962 Demolition Order.
108 Main Road, Brereton, 19th June, 1963, Demolition Order.
33 Lichfield Street, 19th June, 1963, Closing Order.
84 Queen Street, December, 1963, Clearance Order.
32 Elmore Lane, 16th September, 1964, Clearance Order.
34 Elmore Lane, " " " " "
1 Emery's Buildings, Armitage Lane, 8th December, 1964, Demolition Order.
5 " " " " " " " " "
7 " " " " " " " " "
8 " " " " " " " " "
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12 " " " " " " " " "
13 " " " " " " " " "

UNFIT HOUSES STILL IN OCCUPATION AT 31st. DECEMBER, 1964 (CONTINUED)

191 Main Road, Brereton, 8th December, 1964, Demolition Order.
195 " " " " " " " "
25 Talbot Road, Brereton, 17th December, 1964, Demolition Order.
27 " " " " " " " "
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81 " " " " " " " "
9A Market Street, 17th December, 1964, Demolition Order.
11 " " " " " " "
13 " " " " " " "
15 " " " " " " "
17 " " " " " " "
32 Elmore Lane, 16th September, 1964, Clearance Order.
34 " " " " " " "

UNFIT HOUSES NOT OCCUPIED AT 31st. DECEMBER, 1964.

The following 57 houses are not occupied for human habitation but are subject to Demolition Orders, Closing Orders or Undertakings not to relet:-

Late Whittaker, Love Lane, 27th October, 1952, Closing Order.
9 Market Square, 18th April, 1956, Closing Order.
11 Market Square, 21st. November, 1956, Closing Order.
41 Elmore Lane, 19th November, 1958, Closing Order.
Merrick, Coalpit Lane, 20th October, 1960, Closing Order.
Bostock, Glovers Hill, 21st. December, 1960, " "
Smith, " " " " " " "
Brereton Hall Cottage, 27th April, 1960, " "
House adjoining Browns, Coalpit Lane, 19th April, 1961, Demolition Order.
3 Mill Lane, 15th February, 1961, Demolition Order.
House occupied by Mr. H. Brown, Coalpit Lane, 19th April 1961, Demolition Order.
Molineux' house, Glovers Hill, 22nd. November, 1955, Undertaking.
28 Market Street, Owner undertook to submit improvement scheme.
30 " " " " " " " "
1 Bees Lane, 18th April, 1962, Demolition Order.
3 " " " " " " "
5 " " " " " " "
7 " " " " " " "
9 " " " " " " "
11 " " " " " " "
13 " " " " " " "
22 Albion Street, 18th April, 1962, Closing Order.

UNFIT HOUSES NOT IN OCCUPATION AT 31st. DECEMBER, 1964 (CONTINUED)

26 King Street, December 1963 Clearance Order
28 " " " " " "
86 Queen Street, " " " "
88 " " " " " "
90 " " " " " "
92 " " " " " "
96 " " " " " "
98 " " " " " "
100 " " " " " "
104 Main Road, Brereton, 19th June 1963 Demolition Order
106 " " " " " " " "
106 " " " " " " " "
40 Queen Street, 15th April, 1964 Clearance Order
42 " " " " " " "
44 " " " " " " "
46 " " " " " " "
48 " " " " " " "
50 " " " " " " "
26 Elmore Lane, 16th September, 1964
28 " " " " "
30 " " " " "
189 Main Road, Brereton, 8th December, 1964, Demolition Order
193 " " " " " " " "
2 Emery's Buildings, Armitage Lane, 8th December, 1964, Demolition Order
3 " " " " " " " " "
5 " " " " " " " " "
6 " " " " " " " " "
35 Talbot Road, Brereton, 12th December, 1964, Demolition Order
37 " " " " " " " "
55 " " " " " " " "
71 " " " " " " " "
83 " " " " " " " "
21 Sheep Fair, Closing Order.
Lower Birches Farm House, 3rd. April, 1954, Undertaking.
42 Horse Fair, Undertaking.
10 Forge Road, Closing Order.

Number of STATUTORY NOTICES complied with: 79 as follows:-

PUBLIC HEALTH ACTS, 1936 & 1961

Section 17.	Blocked drains	12
Section 39.	Defective or insufficient drainage	2
Section 45.	Defective closet accommodation	2
Section 75.	Provision of new dustbins	1
Section 83.	Cleansing of premises	2
Section 93.	Houses made fit or repaired	56
Section 93.	Offensive accummulations	1
Section 93.	Animals causing nuisance	3

Number of INTIMATORY or VERBAL NOTICES complied with, 685 as follows:-

Food Hygiene Regulations	12
Dwelling houses made fit or repaired	192
Obstructed drains cleansed	34
Drains amended in construction	1
Water closet basins renewed	2
Water closet cisterns repaired or renewed	22
Dustbins provided	121
Animals improperly kept	3
Cesspools repaired	6
Burst water piping	33
Offensive accummulations	6
Dirty houses	9
Caravans causing nuisance	38
Overcrowding	4
Smoke nuisance	2

PREMISES AND OCCUPATIONS WHICH CAN BE CONTROLLED BY BY-LAWS OR REGULATIONS

There are no Common Lodging Houses in this District. There is a tannery in the district. There are no underground sleeping places in the district. There are no By-Laws for : Houses-let-in-lodgings, tents, vans, sheds etc., or Lodgings and accommodation for Hop-pickers. There are By-laws for dealing with offensive trades. There is one offensive trade in the district. There are By-Laws for the control of markets and also there are By-Laws in respect of the business of barbers and hairdressers.

SCHOOLS

In Rugeley Town and Brereton the sanitary conveniences are on the water carriage system. The Slitting Mill schools have chemical closets and the sink waste is drained to a cesspool. The water supply to all the schools is received from the South Staffordshire Waterworks Mains.

RAG FLOCK AND OTHER FILLING MATERIALS ACT, 1951

There are no premises in the district which are controllable by the Council under the Act, viz., Registered Premises, where filling materials are used in the manufacture of bedding, toys upholstery, etc., or Licensed Premises, where rag flock is (a) manufactured or (b) stored for distribution to Registered Premises.

SANITARY IMPROVEMENTS AND NOTICES

Number of visits during the year, either in connection with Infectious Disease, or in course of investigating complaints, or in carrying out surveys amount to 3,033.

HOUSING

1. UNFIT DWELLING HOUSES INSPECTION -

(1) Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects under Public Health Acts or Housing Acts 401

Number on Inspections made for that purpose 416

(2) Number of Houses inspected and recorded under Housing Consolidated Regulations 1925 350

Number on Inspections made for that purpose 365

(3) Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as being unfit for human habitation 63

(4) Number of dwelling houses (exclusive of those referred to under previous subhead) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation 314

2. REMEDY OF DEFECTS WITHOUT SERVICE OF FORMAL NOTICES

Number of defected dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action be the Local Authority or their Officers .. 213

3. ACTION UNDER STATUTORY POWERS

HOUSES CLOSED OR DEMOLISHED

(a) - Proceedings under Housing Act, 1957.

(1) Demolished as a result of Clearance Orders (Section 42) 4

(2) Demolished as a result of formal or informal procedure (Section 17) 14

(3) Closed in pursuance of an undertaking given by the owners under(Section 16 and still in force 2

(4) Parts of buildings closed (Section 18) .. 0

(b) - Proceedings under Housing Act, 1949, closed as a result of Closing Orders under Section 3 0

(c) - Proceedings under Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1953. Closed as a result of Closing Orders under Section 10 and 11 0

(d) - Proceedings under Housing Act 1957 closed as a result of Closing Orders under Section 17 1

REPAIRS

(a) - Proceedings under Public Health Acts, houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices.

(1)	By owners	56
(2)	By local authority in default	0

(b) - Proceedings under Housing Act 1957, houses made fit after service of formal notices.

(1)	By owners	45
(2)	By local authority in default	0

RODENT CONTROL

The work of dealing with infestations has been carried out throughout the year under my supervision.

During the year the part time Rodent Operative was on duty 476 hours. Of this 67½ hours were spent on treating the Council's property such as sewage works, refuse tips etc., 265 hours were spent at private houses, canal banks, hedge rows etc., and the remaining 143½ hours were spent on either rechargeable work at business premises, or the general inspection of business premises.

CARAVANS

Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act, 1960

There are seven caravan sites licensed under the above Act within the Urban District.

No nuisance has resulted from these caravans during the year. The names of those holding licenses and the site of each caravan are as follows:-

Mr. W. Nixon, "The Vine Inn", Sheep Fair, Rugeley.
Mr. A. Venables, 19 Sheep Fair, Rugeley.
Mr. R. Gater, Love Lane, Rugeley, (12 caravans).
Mrs. E. Preston, 70 Peakes Road, Etching Hill, Rugeley.
Messrs. Judkin & Jones, Market Street, Rugeley.
Mr. M. J. Clay, Slitting Mill, Rugeley.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

1. FOOD PREMISES IN THE DISTRICT.

Wet Fish shops	1
Combined Fruit, vegetable and wet fish shops	4
Butchers shops	12
Cafes	6
Bakehouses	1
Fried Fish shops	4
General shops for the sale of sweets, grocery, fruit & vegetables	20
Sweet shops	4

FOOD PREMISES IN THE DISTRICT CONTINUED

Cake shops	5
Fruit and vegetable shops	4
School Canteens	11
Public Houses	26
Chemists	4
Works Canteens	4
Private Clubs etc	10
Drug Stores	1

2. PREMISES REGISTERED UNDER SECTION 14 OF THE FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1938 AND THE ICE CREAM REGULATIONS.

(a) For the preparation or manufacture of cooked meats etc	13
(b) For the manufacture of ice cream by hot mix	0
(c) For the manufacture of ice cream by cold mix	0
(d) For the sale and storage of ice cream only. Such ice cream being purchased from the leading manufacturers	46

3. METHODS OF DISPOSAL OF CONDEMNED FOODS

(a) Meat. Unfit meat is disposed of in accordance with the provisions of the Meat (Staining and Sterilization Regulations, 1960.

(b) Other Foods. Tins pierced, jars etc., broken. Contents of same and other foods buried at refuse tips.

4. It has not been found necessary to examine any special consignment of stock of food during the year. Mostly on request for examination by the provision merchants the following were found to be unfit for human consumption.

101 tins of fruit, 26 tins of soup, 6 tins of custard, 10 tins of lemon juice, 9 tins of milk, 6 tins of beans, 50 tins of tomatoes, 8 tins of meat, 5 tins and 14 lbs. of fish, 5 tins of vegetables, 2 jars of coffee, 100 lbs. of coconut, 2½ lbs of sausages and 6 pheasants.

5. ICE CREAM (HEAT TREATMENT) REGULATIONS, 1947-52.

It will be seen that no ice cream is now manufactured in the district by either hot or cold mix.

6. FOOD & DRUGS ACT, 1955, AND FOOD HYGIENE REGULATIONS, 1960

During the year legal proceedings were taken in the following cases:-

Food	Foriegn Body	Amount Paid By Manufacturers in Costs/Fines
Bilberry Tart	A hair in the cream	£5. fine. £6. 6. 0. costs.
Sliced Loaf of Bread	String	£5. fine.
Steak & Kidney Pie	Mould	£5. fine. £6. 6. 0. costs.
Sausages	Fly Larvae	£10. fine. £9. costs.
Meat Pie	Part of hide on meat	£20. fine £6. 6. 0. costs.

MEAT INSPECTION

CARCASES INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED

	Cattle excluding cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed	192	57	11	706	243	20
Number inspected	192	57	11	706	243	20
All Diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticercosis						
Whole carcases condemned	15	28	2	8	3	1
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	12	3	-	3	1	1
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis & cysticercosis	12.66	54.4	18.1	1.5	1.6	10.0
Tuberculosis Only						
Whole carcases condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	1	-	-	-	3	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	0.15	-	-	-	1.23	-
Cysticercosis						
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration	-	-	-	-	-	-
Generalised and totally condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-

The condemned percentage figures are on the high side because A. Parker & Sons Slaughterhouse is a casualty station for the emergency slaughter of animals from the districts surrounding Rugeley. It is also used by the Ministry of Agriculture Inspectors for the slaughter of animals under the T.B. Order.

SLAUGHTERHOUSES AND KNACKER'S YARDS

Food and Drugs Act 1955, Section 62

There are two slaughterhouses and one knaaker's yard licensed under the above Act within the district. They are as follows:-

Slaughterhouse, Love Lane, Owner - A. Parker & Sons Ltd.

Slaughterhouse, Horse Fair, Owner - A. Astbury Ltd.

Knackers Yard, Leathermill Lane, Owner - A. Parker & Sons Ltd.

SLAUGHTER-MEN

Slaughter of Animals Acts 1933 & 1951

The following is a list of persons licensed to slaughter or stun amimals in slaughter-houses and knacker's yards.

Mr. R.I. Wark, 35 Ravenslea Road, Rugeley.
Mr. A. Astbury, Holly Lodge, Sandy Lane, Rugeley.
Mr. E.E. Upton, Wolseley Road, Rugeley.
Mr. G. Parker, Bridge House, Love Lane, Rugeley.
Mr. P. Parker, Bridge House, Love Lane, Rugeley.
Mr. D.O. Sanders, Horse Fair, Rugeley.
Mr. A.E. Chinnock, 35 Armitage Road, Rugeley.
Mr. S.R. Sanders, 30b Horse Fair, Rugeley.
Mr. R. W. Wallbank, 7 Mossley, Rugeley.
Mr. J.K. Rosser, 43 Springfield Avenue, Rugeley.
Mr. F. Southwell, 4 Leathermill Lane, Rugeley.,
Mr. K.A. Hollins, 32 Ravenslea Road, Rugeley.

WATER SUPPLY

The water is supplied by the South Staffordshire Water Company. This supply has been satisfactory (a) in Quality and (b) in Quantity.

In addition to the samples we submit to the County Analyst and County Bacteriologist, the Water Works Company take frequent samples of the raw water for bacteriological and chemical examination (a) before treatment (b) after treatment, and (c) from taps in our district.

The supply is a constant one, and does not have a plumbo-solvent action. There was no action in respect of any form of contamination during the year.

All the dwelling houses etc., in the district are supplied from the public mains, and the supply in each case is directly over the sink.

The following are reports of samples of the Council's Public Water Supply:-

ANALYST'S REPORT

pH Value	7.3
	Parts per million
Total solid matter dried at 212°F	330.0
Free and Saline Ammonia	Nil
Albuminoid	Nil
Nitric Nitrogen	4.5
Chlorine present as Chloride	32.0
Oxygen absorbed in 4 hours at 80°F	Nil
Appearance - Clean and Colourless	
Metallic Contamination	Nil
Total Hardness	15.4°
Permanent Hardness	6.1°
Temporary Hardness	9.3°

REMARKS:- This water is chemically of satisfactory quality.

BACTERIOLOGIST'S REPORT -

Probable number of coliform bacilli - Nil per 100 ml.

PETROLEUM (REGULATIONS) ACTS, 1928 & 1936

Petroleum (Mixtures) Order, 1929

Licences were granted subject to the licensees complying with the Council's regulations and the Chief Fire Officer's recommendations.

The premises licensed within the Urban District are listed below:-

Palfreyman's Yard, Sheep Fair, Mr. A. Manton	500 gallons
Garage, Brereton Road, Messrs. J. Edwards & Son	9000 gallons
Garage, Wolseley Road, Messrs. J.S. Pendlebury & Son	2000 gallons
Garage, Anson Street, C.J. Sargeant	1000 gallons
Garage, Bees Lane, Messrs. J. Edwards & Son	1300 gallons
Garage, Market Street, Rugeley Motors	9000 gallons
Garage, Wolseley Road, Mr. S. Cubley	7500 gallons
Garage, Armitage Road, Lea Hall Garage	6000 gallons
Garage, Elmore Lane, Messrs. M.A. & C.J. Whieldon	1000 gallons
Mr.A. Parker, Bridge House, Love Lane	500 gallons
Electronic Products, Ravenhill	500 gallons
Rugeley Industrial Co-Operative Society Ltd	750 gallons
Staffordshire Fire Brigade, Taylors Lane	40 gallons
Mr. J. Carney, Wolseley Road	500 gallons
Garage, Wolseley Road, Richardsons Transport	9000 gallons
Lea Hall Colliery	1000 gallons
Midway Service Station	9000 gallons
United Constructions Ltd., Armitage Road	12000 gallons
Babcock & Wilcox, Rugeley Power Station	500 gallons
Pear Tree Garage, Hednesford Road	5000 gallons
J.R. Hindley & Son Ltd., Wharf Road	1000 gallons

FACTORY ACT 1961

1. INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health.

Premises (1)	Number on Register (2)	Number of Inspections: Inspections (3)	Written Notices (4)	Occupiers Prosecuted (5)
Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4, and 6 are to be enforced by the Local Authority..	-	-	-	-
Factories not included in (1) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	43	62	-	-
Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out workers' premises)	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	43	62	-	-

2. Cases in which DEFECTS were found

Particulars (1)	Number of cases in which defects were found: Found (2)	Remedied (3)	To H.M.Inspector (4)	By H.M.Inspector (5)	Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted (6)
Want of cleanliness (s.1) ..	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding (s.2)	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable (s.2)	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation (s.4) ..	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors(s.6	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences	-	-	-	-	-
(a) Insufficient	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective ..	2	2	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes ..					
Other offences (not including offences relating to Homework)	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	2	2	-	-	-

3. OUTWORKERS -Nil.

I have the honour to be,
Your obedient servant,

J.T.G. CRADDOCK.

Chief Public Health Inspector.